

WORD OF OUR FRIENDS AT SEA



The crew of the KATHERINE WALKER fight a fire during recent training.. (Photo courtesy of Lt. A. Florentino).

In January, USCGC KATHERINE WALKER steamed to NS Newport, Rhode Island to conduct Fire Fighting Training and Damage Control. This training included classroom time as well as a hands on session in which the KW's crew had to fight fires on USS BUTTERCUP - - a free floating mock-up of a ship in a 36,000 gallon pool of water. During the drill, the instructors caused flooding in all spaces and the Coast Guardsmen had to work pumps and fight blazes while standing in flooded compartments. "Though every good sailor hopes this type of scenario never happens in real life, the training provided a great chance to put our skills to the test,," reports the KATHERINE WALKER's quarterly newsletter.

The KATHERINE WALKER is also helping to build reefs off the Coast of New Jersey. One of KATHERINE WALKER's missions is to maintain the numerous aids to navigation in the New York area. Occasionally, the cutter finds a buoy where the "sinker" - - the concrete block used to anchor the buoy - - has become worn or damaged. Such sinkers must be replaced but for years there has been a problem with how to dispose of the old ones. Now, the Coast Guard in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is using old sinkers to develop a network of 14 ocean reefs along the New Jersey coast. They will provide a protected habitat for scallops, sea bass and black fish as well as a recreational area for anglers and divers.



A retired sinker is lowered over the side of the KATHERINE WALKER in order to create an artificial reef off of New Jersey. (Photo courtesy of Lt. A. Florentino).



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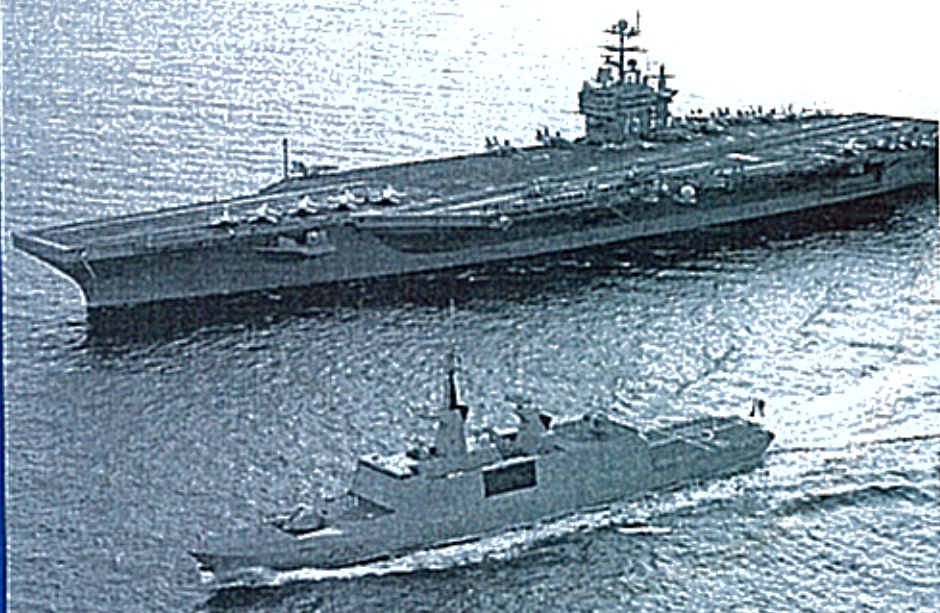
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